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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Litesa Wallace on the
4 occasion of earning her Doctor of Education in educational
5 psychology from Northern Illinois University in May of 2013;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Litesa Wallace has resided in Rockford for over 7
8 years; she has contributed to her community through
9 volunteering for community organizations, being involved in
10 civic efforts, and educating; she teaches many subjects,
11 including sociology, career planning, college reading, and
12 educational psychology at such institutions as University of
13 Wisconsin - Whitewater, Northern Illinois University, and City
14 Colleges of Chicago; and

15 WHEREAS, Litesa Wallace holds a bachelor's degree in
16 individual studies from Western Illinois University and a
17 master's degree in applied family and child studies with a
18 specialization in marriage and family therapy from Northern
19 Illinois University; she holds a graduate certificate in
20 advanced quantitative methods in education; she was also a
21 doctoral fellow in the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in
22 Illinois Fellowship Program; and

1 WHEREAS, Litesa Wallace's dissertation was titled "The
2 Relationship Between Racial Identity, Perceived Racial
3 Discrimination, and the Academic Self-concept of
4 African-American College Men: A Mixed-Methods Examination";
5 she presented part of her study at the National Conference on
6 Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education in San
7 Francisco, California; and

8 WHEREAS, Litesa Wallace has been the recipient of the
9 Graduate Leadership Award in University Programming and
10 Activities from Northern Illinois University; and

11 WHEREAS, Litesa Wallace has developed and facilitated a
12 women's empowerment workshop for Family Services of Southern
13 Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc.; she has also been
14 heavily involved in the Black Graduate Student Association at
15 Northern Illinois University and has served as a counselor at
16 Rock Valley College and Rosecrance; and

17 WHEREAS, Litesa Wallace has served the people of this State
18 faithfully as chief of staff for Illinois State Representative
19 Chuck Jefferson; in this capacity, she provides casework
20 assistance to members of the community and performs numerous
21 community outreach initiatives; and

22 WHEREAS, Litesa Wallace serves as a model of hard work,

1 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
2 Illinois; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Litesa Wallace on her many achievements and
6 contributions to the Rockford community and the State of
7 Illinois and for earning her doctoral certificate; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Litesa Wallace as a symbol of our esteem and
11 respect.